



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 31, 2004. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 31, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through January 31, 2004 were 835 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 27 2003	Jan 3 2004	Jan 10 2004	Jan 17 2004	Jan 24 2004	Jan 31 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,714	29,693	*29,753	29,543	29,462	29,084
AR	31,091	30,893	31,084	31,324	*30,728	30,944
DE	3,696	3,678	3,749	3,829	3,917	3,624
FL	1,353	1,329	1,348	1,359	1,364	1,347
GA	33,078	33,517	*33,030	33,166	32,451	33,063
KY	6,883	6,626	6,586	*6,517	*5,619	6,462
LA	3,452	3,588	3,608	3,662	3,666	3,657
MD	8,793	8,858	8,842	8,868	8,680	8,810
MS	18,908	19,073	19,115	19,344	18,957	19,207
NC	17,868	17,561	*18,144	17,864	*17,855	17,573
OK	6,213	6,263	6,394	6,247	6,423	5,655
PA	3,847	3,351	*3,337	*3,667	*3,748	3,501
SC	3,614	3,659	3,690	3,702	3,683	3,701
TX	14,638	14,428	14,695	14,800	14,787	14,756
VA	6,174	6,220	6,273	6,230	6,266	6,129
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,692	16,790	16,797	17,021	*17,135	17,191
19 State Total	206,014	205,527	*206,445	*207,143	*204,741	204,704
Previous Year Total	201,018	204,119	203,492	202,802	204,707	203,905
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	102	100	100

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Dec 27 2003	Jan 3 2004	Jan 10 2004	Jan 17 2004	Jan 24 2004	Jan 31 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,883	21,775	21,719	21,967	22,008	22,264
AR	25,698	24,457	24,747	25,061	*23,942	23,910
DE	4,230	4,201	4,224	5,447	5,397	5,367
FL	1,703	1,736	1,609	1,637	1,561	1,603
GA	26,178	26,469	24,976	26,153	25,937	25,636
KY	5,899	5,885	5,742	*5,541	*5,744	5,559
LA	3,708	3,802	3,823	3,477	3,640	3,668
MD	6,495	6,470	6,186	4,842	4,698	5,459
MS	16,463	16,528	16,012	16,632	16,314	16,391
NC	13,481	14,162	14,017	14,115	*13,863	14,093
OK	3,879	5,505	4,995	4,471	4,648	5,250
PA	2,653	2,612	*2,591	*2,626	*2,530	2,527
SC	3,928	3,776	4,437	3,467	4,308	4,331
TX	11,822	11,457	11,982	12,001	11,848	12,081
VA	4,896	5,386	5,088	4,798	4,779	4,751
CA, MO, TN, & WV	15,412	14,177	14,602	14,279	*14,277	15,441
19 State Total	168,328	168,398	*166,750	*166,514	*165,494	168,331
Previous Year Total	162,414	164,413	162,132	163,604	166,045	166,420
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	102	103	102	100	101

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